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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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<i>Application Number</i>	<b>09/944,501</b>
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<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	<b>09792909-5130</b>

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed on December 28, 2006 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b.  Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006 for 3 months so that the period for response is extended to January 28, 2007. Postal money order no. 05459851776 in the amount of \$570 is attach to cover the 3<sup>rd</sup> month extension fee (months 1 and 2 already paid with the Amendment mailed on 12/28/2006).

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other
- b.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$ 790.00 (the RCE filing fee) to American Express credit card. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

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